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Following voter adoption in November 2001, this General Plan will be reformatted in a style consistent with the 1995 General Plan. This reformatting will in no way change the policies, text, or figures from this version.

Preface

This draft General Plan responds to the Measure G mandate to the General Plan Review Commission (GPRC) to prepare a new General Plan for the City of San Ramon, to be submitted to the voters for approval in November 2001. As such, this General Plan differs significantly from the previous Plan, which was adopted in 1995. This preface briefly outlines these differences and describes the document format.

POLICIES

The General Plan includes policies designed to implement specific Measure G mandates. New policies relate to the establishment of an Urban Growth Boundary, the designation of mixed use centers, an action plan for the preservation and acquisition of open space, the provision of workforce housing, the protection and enhancement of natural resources, and other aspects of smart growth. These new General Plan policies are intended to complement and support many policies in the previous Plan, as modified by the GPRC.

BACKGROUND

Preparation of this General Plan required extensive background information and data providing the context for planning analysis and policy development. This background information and data have been updated from the last General Plan to reflect current trends. Some of this information is included in the General Plan to present the need for the policies that comprise the Plan. For more detailed information, the reader should refer to the *Existing Conditions and Future Prospects Working Paper*, October 2000.

COMMENTARY

Commentary is explanatory material that accompanies some policies. It may provide background information, it may cross reference a related policy in the Plan, or it may be intended to guide General Plan implementation. Commentary in *italics* from the previous General Plan has been updated and incorporated into the new General Plan, where appropriate.

GLOSSARY AND APPENDIX

The General Plan includes a glossary of terms used in Plan setting, policy, and commentary. Appendix A includes the full text of Measure G, while Appendix B includes an outline of the proposed San Ramon Habitat Protection Program.

NUMBERING

The General Plan includes 11 Elements comprising four Parts. Each element is numbered consecutively and is divided into sections. Each policy is numbered according to the section in which it appears. The letters after the section number indicate whether it is a Guiding Policy (G) or an Implementing Policy (I). Guiding and Implementing policies are then numbered throughout each section. As such, the numbering scheme is as follows:

I. I SECTION

- 1.1-G-1 Guiding Policy
- 1.1-I-1 Implementing Policy

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